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Serial No.: 09/663,942) Examiner: E. Elhilo
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For: DIRECT DYE COMPOSITION FOR)
THE HAIR, COMPRISING A)
CROSSLINKED POLYMER)
CONTAINING ACRYLIC UNITS AND)
C₁₀-C₃₀ ALKYL ACRYLATE UNITES)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in above-referenced application.

The two listed documents were cited in an opposition to the European patent that corresponds to the instant application. Copies of the listed patents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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The following relates to the non-English language document:

WO 93/02655. An English language abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found on the first page of the document.

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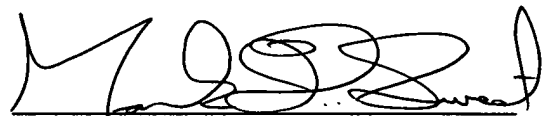
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